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## REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 5, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.